

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SAD GOODBYE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William Haskell Pinckard of Bakersfield, California. Mr. Pinckard was known to all as, simply, "Pinky." He passed away January 9, 2005 at his home in California.

Pinky dedicated his life to his fellow Kern County community members. He moved to California from Oklahoma in 1950, and life for Kern County residents from that point on was not the same. Pinky touched many lives through the numerous organizations in which he was involved. He was a member of the Community of Christ Church, Masons, Shriners, and Eastern Star. A life long member of the Democratic Party, Pinky received many awards for his service as an ardent activist. He represented local #743 Carpenters Union; for his dedication to advocacy, the Labor Union also recognized Pinky.

The truth of the matter is Pinky was a civic-minded individual, who took seriously his role as an American citizen. All too often, we forget that activism, and outreach, and grassroots efforts are the foundation upon which we build our representative government. Pinky never forgot, and he never let anybody around him forget. Those who commemorate Pinky's life will forever be changed by the contributions he made to society.

TRIBUTE TO WHITNALL SUMMIT,
2004 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR,
WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the Whitnall Summit Company, being honored by the West Allis-West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce as 2004 Company of the Year.

Whitnall Summit was established just ten years ago with a plan to acquire segments of the former Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing property in West Allis. Allis-Chalmers had been one of the main drivers of the local economy in West Allis, providing thousands of jobs along with a community identity. When a physical plant the size of Allis-Chalmers closes, the impact on the community is both monetary and psychological. Manufacturing job losses have cost our communities good-paying, family-supporting jobs, along with a strong revenue base. The loss of Allis Chalmers hit hard.

Great companies inspire a community's pride and empty buildings hurt the spirit of a city.

Thanks to Whitnall Summit, West Allis is participating in a "re-urbanization" as these large empty buildings have been rehabilitated. Further, those buildings are now occupied with retail and offices, community-based organizations and indoor parking. In 10 short years, Whitnall Summit with strong support from the city's TIF district, has converted factory buildings into 300,000 square feet of office space, all leased, with a large parking structure nearing completion.

I congratulate Whitnall Summit for its success and its collaboration with the city of West Allis in returning this site to an opportunity for growth.

HONORING THE FAYETTEVILLE
TOWPATH QUILT GUILD

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, it is with a warm heart I rise today to pay tribute to an organization lending support to our men and women in uniform, the Towpath Quilt Guild of Fayetteville, NY.

About 80 members of the Towpath Quilt Guild have harnessed their skills to hand make quilts for recovering soldiers at Bethesda Naval and Walter Reed Army Medical Center. In early spring, these quilts will be personally delivered in hopes of offering another layer of comfort and warm sentiment to our service members.

In this time period when so many of our loved ones are scattered around the globe ensuring American's freedom and safety, the Towpath Quilt Guild has expressed with gifts what we all wish to convey. Thank you for all you do. And thank you, Towpath Quilt Guild.

HONORING BROWNIE TROOP 1593 IN
MANASSAS, VA

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brownie Troop 1593 of Manassas, VA. Last year, the 18 girls who make up Troop 1593 dedicated themselves to providing support to the brave men and women who are defending our freedom overseas.

Brownie Troop 1593 is comprised of Colby Newson, Ariel Morrow, Arianna Robinson, Juliana Thinnies, Juliana Magalhaes, Allison Rob-

inson, Deanka Mullins, Wendy Cornier, Christina Owusu, Alondra Morales, Hannah Gabaldon, Madeline Greco-Parkin, Kimberly Klejka, Jayme Mathews, Cameron Roberts, Madison Roberts, Megan Duarte, and Emily Buckley.

In April, the troop collected donations from Girl Scout cookie sales and sent cookies, personal care items, games, cards, and goodie bags to the soldiers. They also provided similar support to four U.S. Navy Ships: the USS *John F. Kennedy*, USS *Spruance*, USS *Harpers Ferry*, and the USS *Harry S. Truman*. Additionally, the girls have sent comfort items to a Navy Medic serving in Fallujah, Iraq.

The troop also helped brighten the lives of service men and women through a pen pal program with two of the aircraft carriers. Through this mutually beneficial exchange, the young girls learned about respect for their country, the incredible sacrifice that the Armed Forces make, the important jobs that the service men and women perform, teamwork, community service, loyalty and friendship.

The troop plans to continue its efforts in 2005. They have scheduled visits to both the USS *John F. Kennedy* and USS *Harry S. Truman*. They will also send Valentines Day cards to a platoon in Iraq and will be repeating their Girl Scout Cookie drive to send additional cookies and other items to soldiers overseas.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Brownie Troop 1593. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the troop's accomplishments. Their contributions and efforts are much appreciated and should be celebrated. I wish them the best of luck in all future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO RE-AUTHORIZE THE NEW JERSEY COASTAL HERITAGE TRAIL ROUTE

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail incorporates the very best of what the great State of New Jersey has to offer the rest of the Nation. Established by Congress in 1988, the Trail unifies New Jersey's many scenic points of interest. These points of interest include a wealth of environmental, historic, maritime, and recreational sights found along New Jersey's coastline, stretching 300 miles from Perth Amboy in the north, Cape May in the extreme southern tip of the State and Deepwater to the west.

The trail's area includes three National Wildlife Refuges, four tributaries of a Wild and Scenic River system, a Civil War fort and national cemetery, several lighthouses, historic

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